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NORWAY.

Quarantine proclamation on account of plague.

[Proclamation from the royal Norwegian Government's department of justice and police.]

CHRISTIANIA, NORWAY, *December 1, 1902.*

A royal proclamation was made to-day, as follows :

It is hereby ordered, in compliance with section 2 in law of July 12, 1848, relating to quarantine, that the cities of Rio de Janeiro, Compos, and Victoria in Brazil, shall, until further notice be considered infected with the oriental plague, and the regulations laid down in the law above mentioned, and in circular of October 13, 1900, regarding plague, etc., are to take effect at once.

With which all concerned respectfully have to comply.

Which is hereby brought to public notice, while it must be remembered that according to prior proclamations of February 1, 1897, June 27 and August 22, 1899, May 23, 1900, February 28, August 12, and September 30, 1901, March 20, May 22, June 16, and October 16, 1902, the city of Constantinople in Turkey, Arabia, Persia, India, China, Manila, Formosa, the ports in Egypt, Cape Town, and Port Elizabeth in South Africa, Madagascar, Reunion Islands, and Mauritius, the cities of Puerto Alegre and Paranagua in Brazil, also the city of Odessa in Russia, shall, until further notice be considered infected with the oriental plague.

A number of copies of this proclamation are inclosed.

SOREN AARSTAD.
H. HEGGEN.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

PORTO RICO.

Disinfection of baggage from Haiti and the Dominican Republics.

SAN JUAN, P. R., *December 12, 1902.*

SIR: According to all reports, there has been no yellow fever in Haitian and Dominican Republics for several months, and you are hereby directed to suspend the disinfection of baggage from ports of those countries unless there should be special reason to suspect it.

The greater danger lies in there being ambulant cases among the passengers, who should be inspected carefully with use of the thermometer if there should be any doubt.

Respectfully,

W. W. KING,
Assistant Surgeon.

Chief Quarantine Officer for Porto Rico.

Asst. Surg. JOS. GOLDBERGER,
Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, Ponce, P. R.

Report from Ponce.

PONCE, P. R., *December 15, 1902.*

Week ended December 13, 1902. Number of vessels inspected, 4; number passed, 3. The American steamship *Maracaibo*, from Maracaibo and Curaçao, was held in quarantine. No cargo or passengers for this port. This vessel loaded cargo in quarantine and sailed on the same day. Two bills of health were issued.

The sanitary condition of the city is about the same.